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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH GA: IRANIAN SUPPORT

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT MEETING REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR SCALI
TO SOLICIT IRANIAN BACKING FOR DRAFT RES ON KOREA,
FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI AND PERMREP HOVEYDA
PROMISED TO SUPPORT RES AND WORK FOR ITS ADOPTION.
END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADORS SCALI AND BENNETT MET LATE SEPT. 27 WITH
IRANIAN FOR. MIN. KHALATBARI AND PERMREP HOVEYDA TO
REQUEST IRAN'S SUPPORT ON KOREAN ITEM. HOVEYDA WAS
LESS DEFINITIVE IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION THAN
KHALATBARI, POINTING OUT WAYS RES COULD BE IMPROVED.
HOWEVER, NEITHER OFFICIAL LEFT ANY DOUBT OF FIRM
IRANIAN COMMITMENT TO VOTE FOR RES.

2. HOVEYDA SAID HE BELIEVED WE SHOULD CONSIDER, AS
FALLBACK POSITION, CERTAIN MINOR CHANGES WHICH WOULD MAKE
RES MORE ACCEPTABLE. SPECIFICALLY, HE THOUGHT CONTINGENCY
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LANGUAGE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED WHICH MADE IT CLEAR THAT
RES WAS IN NO WAY PREJUDGING OR PREJUDICING POSSIBILITY
OF FUTURE REUNIFICATION. WE SAID IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT
OUR INTENT TO PREJUDGE ISSUE; ON CONTRARY, RES WELCOMES

PROGRESS TOWARD UNIFICATION. HOWEVER, IF IRANIANS PERCEIVED AMBIGUITY -- OR ATTEMPT BY OPPOSITION TO MANUFACTURE ISSUE WHERE NONE EXISTED, WE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT WITH THEM ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE.

3. HOVEYDA SAID NORTH KOREANS WERE NOW MAKING WIDE CONTACTS TO DETERMINE NUMBER OF VOTES THEY COULD COUNT ON. SHOULD THEY DECIDE THEY WOULD LOSE HEAD-ON CONFRONTATION, HE BELIEVED THEY WOULD TAKE "SOFT" LINE AND BE OPEN TO COMPROMISE. SCALI REMARKED GAP WAS NOW SO WIDE THAT HE DOUBTED IT WAS BRIDGABLE.

4. HOVEYDA SAID HE BELIEVED THAT ON FUNDAMENTALS US POSITION ON KOREA WAS ON FIRM GROUND. MANY SERIOUS COUNTRIES RECOGNIZED THAT UNC WAS SC RESPONSIBILITY, AND THAT RAISON D'ETRE FOR UNCURK HAD DISAPPEARED. ONE LIABILITY THAT RES HAD WAS THAT IT WAS GENERALLY IDENTIFIED AS SOUTH KOREAN DRAFT. SCALI SAID IT WAS STRANGE WORLD IN WHICH COUNTRY WHICH HAD DEFENDED ITSELF AGAINST AGGRESSION AND THEN PRESENTED FORWARD-LOOKING PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PENALIZED.

5. IN CONCLUSION, HOVEYDA ASSURED SCALI THAT IRANIAN DEL WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO DEMONSTRATE TO OTHERS REASONABLE NATURE OF US DRAFT. SCALI WARMLY THANKED IRANIAN OFFICIALS FOR THEIR COOPERATION.
SCALI

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